(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal for extension of NH4A up to Subroop has been received by Government; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (d) A proposal for extension of NH44 and not NH4A as referred to in the question, has been received from the State Government of Tripura, but due to resource constraints, it has not been so far possible to declare this road as a new National Highway.

Licences for courier services

2719. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licences for private courier companies issued during the last three years;

(b) the details of turn over by these courier units during the period; and

(c) the details of the turn-over of the Department of Post in EMS wing during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) The Department of Post does not issue licences to private courier companies.

(b) Does not arise in view of the above.

(c) The turn-over of Speed Post during the last three years is as under:—

Year	Turn-Over (in Crores)
1993-94	50.13
1994-95	54.18
1995-96	57.40

टेलीफोनों की छेड़छाड़ (टेम्परिंग) के बारे में संसद सदस्यों से प्राप्त शिकायतें

2720. **श्री राय देव भंडारी:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) जनवरी, 1996 से नवम्बर, 1996 तक की अवधि के दौरान संसद सदस्यों के टेलीफोनों के साथ की गई छेड़छाड़ (टेम्परिंग) के बारे में उनसे कितनी शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं;

(ख) संसद सदस्यों से प्राप्त हुई ऐसी शिकायतों की जांच हेतु कौन-कौन सी प्रक्रियाएं अपनाई जाती है;

(ग) क्या ऐसे मामलों की जांच संसद सदस्यों की कोई समिति करती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभापटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Land acquisition for Road Projects

2721. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward a legislation to facilitate land acquisition for road projects; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when such a measure is likely to be brought forward?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) The proposal is at conceptual stage.

Expenditure on Journalists' Visit Abroad with Minister of External Affairs

2722. SHRI JITENDRA PRASADA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of journalists and non-officials specially from academic institutions who accompanied him on his tours abroad since his assumpton of office alongwith the criteria for selecting and including these journalists and non-officials;

(b) whether all these expenses were met from Government account and were in accordance with the guidelines of Press Concil of India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?